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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT: NEW INITIATIVES

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

REF (A) STATE 4514, (B) CAIRO 122, (C) 76 CAIRO 17959

1. WE DID NOT MEAN TO SUGGEST IN PARA 5-B, REFTEL B THAT USG MAKE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL 500,000 TONS OF WHEAT CONDITIONAL ON GOE ACCEPTANCE OF IMF REFORMS. RATHER REFTEL B WAS WRITTEN IN CONTEXT OUR EARLIER RECOMMENDATION (PARA 7, REF C) THAT WE USE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING SUCH ADDITIONAL WHEAT AS A MEANS OF ENCOURAGING RPT ENCOURAGING GOE ECONOMIC MINISTERS TO CONVINCE THEIR DUBIOUS CABINET COLLEAGUES OF WISDOM OF ACCEPTING IMF REFORMS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. REGRET THAT WE FAILED TO REPEAT THIS CONCEPT IN REFTEL B EXCEPT IN SUMMARY OF THAT MESSAGE. ECONOMIC MINISTERS MAY OR MAY NOT DO SO OR, EVEN IF THEY DO, THEIR EFFORTS MAY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL. WE SHOULD IN ANY CASE PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL WHEAT, SINCE IT IS CLEARLY AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN OUR EFFORTS TO ASSIST EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC
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2. WHILE WE DO BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING NOW ON WHEAT AS ENCOURAGEMENT BUT NOT LINKAGE TO IMF REFORM, SUGGESTIONS IN PARA 5 (C) AND (D) OF REFTEL B (I.E., DEFFERAL OF CONSOLIDATED DEBT PAYMENTS AND EXTENSION OF TREASURY CREDIT) SHOULD DEFINITELY BE LINKED TO REFORM.

CIP ENLARGEMENT SHOULD ALSO BE GENERALLY LINKED AT THIS TIME-- WE HAVE ALREADY SUGGESTED SUCH A LINKAGE IN VERY GENERAL TERMS IN PAST CONVERSATIONS -- BUT HERE WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WE MAY SUBSEQUENTLY FIND IT ESSENTIAL ON POLITICAL GROUNDS TO GO FORWARD WITH BROADENED CIP PROGRAM EVEN IF IMF REFORMS ARE NOT ACHIEVED AND THE ECONOMY CONTINUES TO DETERIORATE.

3. IT SHOULD ALSO BE BORNE IN MIND THAT GOE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN TOLD ANYTHING ABOUT POSSIBILITY ADDITIONAL WHEAT.

4. HOPE THIS CLARIFIES WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND.
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